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April 10, 2017

TO: Riparian (shorefront) landowners within 1,000 ft. of proposed aquaculture lease site
Town of South Bristol
General and case-specific mailing lists for lease application # 2017-02-E

RE: Public hearing on proposed aquaculture lease

The Department of Marine Resources will hold a public hearing as follows:

May 17, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.
South Bristol Town Hall
470 Clarks Cove Road
Walpole, ME 04573

The purpose of the hearing is to consider an application filed by Maine Fresh Sea Farms, LLC for a 3.9-acre, 3-year experimental aquaculture lease in Clarks Cove, Damariscotta River, South Bristol, Maine, for suspended culture of various species of marine algae (kelp and seaweed).

A copy of the public notice of the hearing is attached/enclosed. If you are receiving this notice by e-mail, pdf copies of the application and site report are also attached. If you are receiving this notice through the U.S. mail and want to view or print a copy of the application and site report, please go to the Department's web site at: www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture/index.html; follow links for "pending lease applications." To request paper copies of these documents, please contact Cindy Burke at the address below.

ALTERNATE HEARING DATE: If the May 17, 2017 hearing is postponed or cannot be concluded by a reasonable hour, the hearing will be continued on May 24, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the same location, and a notice will be posted at www.maine.gov/dmr/index.html, under "Meetings."

IF YOU INTEND TO PARTICIPATE IN PERSON in the public hearing on this application, please refer to the enclosed public notice.

DEADLINE FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS: To be considered in this case, written comments, including faxes and e-mails, regarding this application must be received by the Department no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 16, 2017, the day before the public hearing.

Questions or written comments concerning the application may be addressed to:

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